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Bell Gardens Man Sentenced for Killing Wife

A 34-year-old man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for fatally beating his wife in their Bell Gardens home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Chad Gillette said Michael Robles pleaded no contest on September 10 to one count of second-degree murder in case VA145206.

On July 5, 2017, Azelea Villareal, 28, was struck multiple times by the defendant, at times while she was unconscious, the prosecutor said. Their 4-year-old child was present during the attack.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.